

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 26, 2005

The Honorable Andrew H. Card, Jr.
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Secretary Card,

On September 30, 2003, all White House personnel were directed to preserve all documentary evidence that could relate to the Valerie Plame leak investigation.

This past Sunday, however, Attorney General Gonzalez publicly disclosed that he informed you of this planned announcement 12 hours in advance -- on the night of September 29, 2003. This raises serious questions about the effectiveness of the notice, and whether or not any senior White House officials or staff were made aware of the planned announcement in time to destroy documents before the directive took effect.

I urge you to immediately disclose whether, at any time between when you were informed that evening and when the official document request was communicated to all White House staff, you informed Mr. Rove, Mr. Libby, or anyone else that an official order to preserve any possible evidence related to the investigation was coming.

I wrote to then Attorney General Ashcroft on this issue on October 1, 2003, and continue to have serious concerns regarding the events of September 29-30, 2003. It is imperative that the American people know all of the facts of this inquiry - who leaked, why, and whether there was an effort to cover up the leak beyond what we already know.

Sincerely,



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